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Note that JP-A-H09-229897 is not enclosed or listed as it has already been cited in this application.

Also not that USP 5,874,663 is the US counterpart to JP 9-196885 and USP 5,900,129 is the US counterpart to JP 9-054063. Therefore those US patents have also been listed for the Examiner's consideration as translations of the noted documents.

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